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US pressures Russia on Snowden, slams China

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The White House pressured Russia to expel fugitive US leaker Edward Snowden on Monday and warned China it had undermined efforts to rebuild trust by allowing him to leave Hong Kong.

President Barack Obama, meanwhile, said Washington was using every legal channel to apprehend Snowden, the self-confessed source of explosive leaks detailing the extent of covert US spy agency phone and Internet surveillance.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said Washington assumed that Snowden was still in Moscow, where he went after slipping out of Hong Kong, and lashed out at Beijing for letting him go, despite US extradition requests.

"With regards to ... the Chinese government, we are just not buying that this was a technical decision by a Hong Kong immigration official," he said.

"This was a deliberate

choice by the government to release a fugitive despite a valid arrest warrant, and that decision unquestionably has a negative impact on the US-China relationship."

Carney noted that Beijing, as evidenced by Obama's summit with new president Xi Jinping this month in California, had been seeking to rebuild trust with Washington.

"We think that they have dealt that effort a serious setback. If we cannot count on them to honor their legal extradition obligations, then there is a problem. And that is a point we are making to them very directly."

Carney also told reporters the White House believes Russia should accept a request for Snowden to be expelled back to the United States.

"We do expect the Russian government to look at all the options available to them to expel Mr. Snowden back to the United States," he said.

Trial of US man accused of killing black teen begins

SANFORD (AFP) - The murder trial of a volunteer neighborhood watchman who shot dead an unarmed black teenager, an incident that inflamed racial tensions across the United States, began Monday.

George Zimmerman, 29, has pleaded not guilty, saying he shot Trayvon Martin, 17, in self-defense on the rainy night of February 26, 2012 after the teen knocked him to the ground and started bashing his head against the sidewalk.

Martin's supporters accuse Zimmerman of racial profiling, saying he ignored police advice and pursued Martin, who was unarmed and had no criminal record.

The case ignited widespread protests after police initially declined to charge Zimmerman, and sparked debate over Florida's "Stand

Your Ground" gun law, which allows firing in self-defense even when fleeing is an option.

Prosecutor John Guy sent a jolt through the courtroom as he began his opening statement with words he said were uttered by Zimmerman in a call to a police dispatcher as he followed Martin through the gated community.

"Fucking punks," he said, quoting Zimmerman. He told jurors that the offensive language revealed the watchman's attitude toward the teen.

"When Zimmerman saw Trayvon, he didn't see a young man walking home. Instead, he profiled, pursued and killed Trayvon," he said, as Zimmerman, wearing a suit and tie, sat impassively in the courtroom.

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Paseo Herencia honors Aruban Olympic hopeful Zaitheyl Soekandar on their "Wall of Fame"



Olympic hopeful Zaitheyl Soekandar

Paseo Herencia Shopping Mall in Palm Beach is more than a shopping center, it is a history lesson of Aruba, past, present and in the making. Owners and management take particular pleasure in showcasing young athletes who are fine role models for Aruban youth. Their "Wall of Fame," co-sponsored by CMB Bank, is dedicated to those who demonstrate the talent, determination and tenacity it takes to attain medal-winning status in the international arena of sports competition.

The newest addition to the Wall of Fame is BMX biker Zaitheyl Soekandar. The fifteen-year-old presently holds second place in his division in the world of BMX biking competition, having recently



Zaitheyl with mom Minerva, Paseo crew and brother Zygon, Minister of Health & Sports Richard Visser and Parliamentarian Donny Rasmijn



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come home with the fully-qualify for the next bronze medal from the Pan Summer Olympics Games in American games. His father, Audi, a former BMX competitor and his coach, Pedro Estaba, are confident that Zaitheyl will be Aruba's first athlete to

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raphy segment of ICON 5 received the honor to take pictures of the following photoshoot for Subway's next campaign. This is indeed a very valuable prize for the winner, who will be able to put into his portfolio that he was a photographer for a wellknown and world recognized franchise. During the final presen-

tation, General manager of Subway, Selimah Maduro, was on hand to announce the prize and to wish Kevin Wilford the best for the first period of ICON 5 on Tele Aruba.

The ICON 5 program was very real where different talented persons worked hard to win the five maximum titles. There is definitely a great deal of talent on Aruba. Subway is happy to have been a part of the process where Aruba met different young people with enthusiasm and great talent.

During the closing program Aruba met the best of the five different talent in the world of modeling, where creativity discipline and positive energy was evident.

Subway congratulates the organizer of ICON 5, Ronchie de Cuba and the team of the production of ICON 5 with their tremendous show. Special congratulations to the winner of the Best Photographer, Kevin Wilford, the best hairstylist, Kiarah Salazar, Best Make Up Artist, Gen Roga, Best New Fashion Designer, Jeremy Rasmijn, Best New Male Model, Maximilian Chumaceiro and Best New Female Model Yentl Swaen.

Justice Ministers within the Dutch Kingdom are working more closely



Last Friday, Aruba Minister of Justice was host to a meeting between four Ministers of Justice of the Dutch Kingdom. Minister Opstelten of Holland, Minister Nelson Navarro of Curacao, Minister Roland Duncan of Sint Maarten and Arthur Dowers of Aruba. They met at the Surfside Marina where they discussed a number of different topics and matters of general interest.

Two new Ministers were introduced at this encounter, namely, Duncan of Sint

Maarten and Navarro of Curacao. During the meeting they discussed matters that are regularly on their agenda. On all topics they were able to make decisions or come to some agreements, according to Minister Dowers.

They discussed the General Court, which brought some discussion regarding a budget and specifically if a country, in this case Curacao, will cut spending if this will have any consequence for the functioning of the common court in other countries.

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Cuffley Sisters honored



Ms. Rosemary Cuffley and Ms. Cecile Cuffley from Brooklyn, New York was recently honored as Distinguished Visitors due to their 19th consecutive visit to Aruba. Marouska Heyliger represented the Aruba Tourism Authority conducted the ceremony which was held at the Costa Linda Resort. According to the sisters they visit Aruba every year for it's Beautiful Beaches, Warm Weather and it's Homely Atmosphere. On the picture are the honoree.

Justice Minlsters within...

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The interchange of DNA, thus forensic material, which is always investigated by NFI, the Dutch Forensic Institution, was also a topic of discussion. Other matters were, facilities for Police and the 'raad van de rechtshandhaving' which they want to re-open discussions on.

One matter which is always discussed is the RST, the collaborating team of detectives of the Kingdom. This time they talked about the budget of this institution. They also discussed the exchange of data, methods of investigation and technical resources of the RST. Minister Dowers also indicated that


the introduction of the BOB law on Aruba has helped to put a stop to certain crimes. This also requires certain innovation and modernization and they discussed how to go about maintaining the cost.

Prison was also on the agenda how to deal with different prisoners of the different countries

Minister Dowers remarked about the excellent cooperation between the Ministers and the recent interchange between the police corps. This meeting, according to Dowers was nothing short of positive and productive as they attempt to work together proactively on different fronts.

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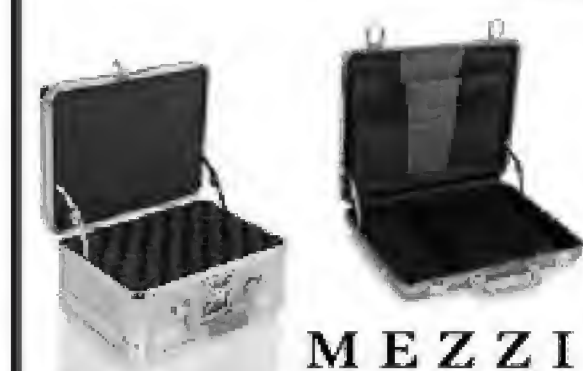
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The Mary Joan Foundation, a dedicated Aruban support and education group for victims of breast cancer and their family, invites all to another important lecture for cancer patients. The seminar is by cosmetic surgeon, Dr. Howard van Niel, who will talk about breast reconstruction after a mastectomy.

When losing one or both breasts because of cancer, a woman is often radically and detrimentally affected in how she perceives her body, and the way she feels as a woman. Although breast reconstruction is a choice, it is very important to know what the procedures are and the options that are available on our island.

The informative session is tonight at 8 p.m. at Fantastic Garden in Bushiri.

For more information, readers may call the Mary Joan Foundation at tel. 588-9999, visit their Facebook page titled Mary Joan Foundation Aruba or visit their website: www.maryjoanfoundation.aw



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Successful Global day of Discovery at Renaissance Aruba **RLifeLIVE 'Chuckie Goes Electric'** and launching of Electric Festival



ORANJESTAD—June—Last Wednesday Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino kicked off the "Summer of Discovery" and encouraged guests to get out and discover something new all season long with an exclusive RLife LIVE event featuring DJ CHUCKIE on the Marina Hotel pool deck. The event took place simultaneously with 155 Renaissance Hotels around the world, celebrating the lifestyle hotel brand's second annual "Global Day of Discovery."

Having risen to fame with chart successes such as 'Let The Bass Kick' and 'After-shock,' CHUCKIE'S career has continued to develop thus turning him into a global phenomenon who never fails to win over legions of fans with his upfront approach to mak-

ing and playing music. Taking dance and urban music by storm in Europe, The United States, and South America and beyond, he is spreading the Chuckie flavor with his explosive beats, surprise FXs and adulated climaxes. Although Amsterdam based, this truly international DJ and producer works tirelessly to fit everything into his hectic schedule whether he's on a plane or in a hotel room as he travels the globe performing to millions of fans in the world's best clubs.

About Play Foundation:

Chuckie is also dedicated to supporting youth development programs in Aruba through his work as Chairman of the PLAY FOUNDATION which helps bring Aruban youth closer to the love of music and the island-wide

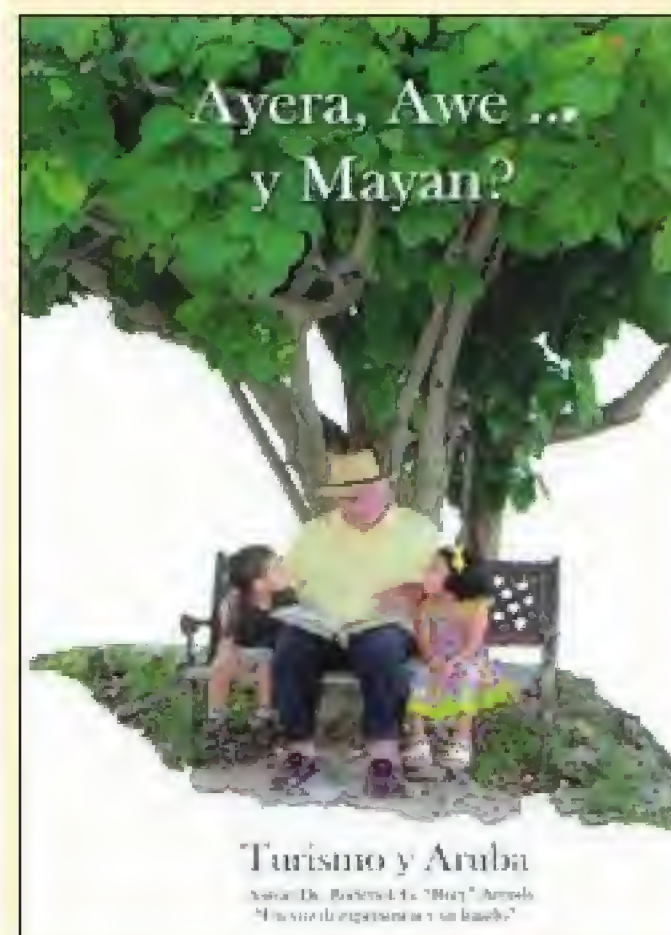
SOLAR BEATS program, which was designed to provide Aruban schools with solar power to encourage students to showcase projects in the areas of music and the creative arts, sustainable energy, positive behavior, cleanliness, sports & wellness and social & volunteer work.

Electric Festival scheduled in September:

Chuckie and ATA made mayor announcement during the launched of the first Electric Festival (EF) which is to become the largest global and annual electronic music conference in the Caribbean. EF will be more than just a dance music event be encompassing and portraying creative arts, cuisine and lifestyle in general. EF will include performances by Aruba resident, world-renowned and Forbes' Worlds Greatest DJs listed and music producer DJ Chuckie. Accompanying Chuckie will be former Guns N' Roses lead guitarist, Slash and Top 100 #6 ranked and IDMA's best Breakthrough DJ of 2012 and Best European DJ of 2013, Hardwell. Full details on the full festival program and lineup will be revealed in the coming weeks.

Renaissance Aruba as a partner of EF will have a package of 5 nights available "BEATS on the BEACH" which includes an exceptional room rate, access to the private island, festival tickets for all 3 days for 2 persons, meet and greet with DJ Chuckie, daily full American breakfast buffet for 2 persons, cocktail credit of \$50 per person per stay, iTunes card of \$10 per person per stay and access to DJ bash at Renaissance Private Island. For more info www.renaissancearuba.com

A little bit of our tourism history, according to the book *"Ayer, Awe ... y Mayan"* by Rory Arends



In 1956, the Aruban government was highly motivated and so approved the blueprints to build the first luxury resort at Palm Beach, the famed Aruba Caribbean Hotel. Two local visionaries, Juan "Juancho" Enrique Irausquin and Oscar Henriquez, wrote a rather long report filled with recommendations for the construction of the hotel. It is for this pio-

neer of Aruba's economy that the name of a portion of LG Smith Boulevard, fronting the major resorts in Eagle and Palm Beach, was changed on July 4, 1992 to Juan Irausquin Boulevard.

When Irausquin and Henriquez traveled to Miami and Puerto Rico developing their plan, they absorbed a great deal of information and inspiration. Based on their conclusions, they choose the right model for Aruba's growing tourism industry. Both came to the conclusion that Aruba's beaches are one of the best of the world, and that, if we set our goals very high, we can attract high-class tourists.

The pair started preparing the infrastructure and in 1957, a road was built from Oranjestad to Basí Ruti hotel, allowing direct access from the airport. Water ducts, electricity and telephone lines were also a necessary part of the infrastructure.

Juancho Irausquin and Oscar Henriquez did their utmost to see this dream realized, which paid off not only for them, but all of Aruba. They managed to get Executive House, a Chicago company with hotels in Puerto Rico, to manage the hotel under the name of Condado Aruba Caribbean Hotel-Casino, a franchise of Hotel Condado Beach in Puerto Rico. The hotel-resort-casino opened officially in July 1959.

The author of this new history of island tourism, Dr. Rory Arends, dedicated 30 years of his life to the industry. His book "Ayer, Awe ... y Mayan? Turismo y Aruba" - Yesterday, Today ... and Tomorrow? Aruba and its Tourism - is on sale through ELKA & Associates N.V. at telephone 588-4600 or via e-mail info@elka-aruba.com. The book is also at all bookstores on Aruba.

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Dutch police detain joyriding brothers, 5 and 7, after crash

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch police on Saturday briefly detained two brothers aged five and seven who crashed a car after a mile-long joyride.

"A police patrol this morning saw a car with the doors open and two young boys stood next to it," in Bloemendaal, west of Amsterdam, police spokeswoman Lenny Beijerbergen told AFP.

"The seven-year-old boy told police that he had driven the car around one-and-a-half kilometres (one mile), hit a metal post on the pavement and come to a standstill," Beijerbergen said.

A policeman tweeted a photo of the crash scene, saying that the car belonged to the boys' grandmother.

The photo, which was quickly removed from Twitter, showed the boys, the car and the uprooted post in a residential street strewn with debris from the car.

"At least I had my seat belt on! And my brother was in the child's seat," the seven-year-old driver said when police turned up, national news agency ANP reported.

"The boys were taken to the police station, given a talking to and made aware of what they've done," Beijerbergen said.

"Then they were taken home. Thankfully they were both unhurt."

She said there was considerable damage to the car and the pavement.

"This is really quite remarkable, I've never seen anything like it, seven is very young," Beijerbergen said.

Paseo Herencia honors Aruban Olympic hopeful Zaitheyl Soekandar... Continued from pg 1

Paseo Herencia welcomed Zaitheyl to their Wall of Fame by hosting a bike rally for enthusiasts of all ages late Sunday afternoon, June 23. Heading the pack with Zaitheyl as they made their way from Palm Beach to Eagle Beach and back was Aruba's Minister of Health and Sports, Richard Visser, and Parliamentarian Donny Rasmijn. Paseo Herencia GM Valerie Pietersz-Canacho and Marketing Man-

ager Candy Rasmijn, with their children, also joined the rally to show support for a healthy lifestyle and proper exercise. Zaitheyl's portrait was unveiled to his proud parents, Minerva Kock and Audy, and the public, at the finish of the rally.

Zaitheyl, is known as "Z" to his friends, as well as "Zoolander" and "The Missile" on the biking circuit. He and his younger brother, Zyqion, were declared the champions

at the Day 1 races of the BMX Gator Nationals in Oldsmar, Florida in March of this year. Both now race for the U.S. team GHP in such events. Prior to this race on the U.S. National championship circuit, "Z" also took the top title at First Youth Dutch Caribbean BMX Championships in his division in November of last year.

Despite having suffered a broken collarbone twice and

serious injury to his kidney, "Z" is a fierce competitor and devoted to the sport. "When I was young, I loved doing all sports; soccer, swimming anything," he explained. "But my father loved BMX biking and when I tried it, something really clicked for me. I know this sport was my destiny. I have been training and competing since I was seven."

His father, Audy, travels with his son to every compe-

tion, and they are about to depart for the U.S. for the summer round of qualifying meets that give him points towards the 2016 Olympics. Then it will be off to New Zealand for the big one: the UCI BMX World Championships in Auckland, July 24-28. Zaitheyl is training daily, 25-28 hours weekly, determined to bring the gold home to Aruba.

By Rosalie Klein

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Trial of US...

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"He profiled him as someone who was about to commit a crime in his neighborhood."

Guy insisted Zimmerman's account of what happened that night would prove to be "a tangled web of lies."

But defense attorney Don West said the shooting, while tragic, was not murder.

"The evidence will show that there are no monsters here. It is a sad story," he said in his opening statement. "George Zimmerman is not guilty of murder."

The six-woman jury -- five of whom are white -- will decide the case, which is expected to take as long as six weeks.

Lead defense attorney Mark O'Mara insisted that there had been no racial motive in the shooting.

New York oil soars after Canadian pipelines shut

NEW YORK (AFP) - New York oil prices sharply rebounded Monday after a leak forced the closure of Canadian pipelines, raising concerns about supply disruptions in North America.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) light sweet crude for August, closed at \$95.18 a barrel, up a hefty \$1.49 from Friday.

European benchmark Brent eked out a small gain amid concerns about China's slowing economy and credit crunch, which cast a cloud over financial markets.

Brent North Sea crude for delivery in August clawed back losses to end 25 cents higher at \$101.16 a barrel in

London trade.

The New York WTI contract had opened lower but rebounded as investors worried about Canadian pipeline supplies after heavy rains caused severe flooding in western Canada.

On Sunday, Canadian energy company Enbridge announced that it had shut three pipelines in Alberta province after one of them leaked about 750 barrels of crude.

The company said that heavy rains in the area may have resulted in ground movement that caused the leak. The other pipelines were shut as a precaution.

"There are three pipelines down and this is giving support to the WTI," said Andy Lipow of Lipow Oil Associates.

Family gathers as fears grow for 'critical' Mandela

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - The family of critically ill anti-apartheid icon Nelson Mandela gathered around his hospital bedside on Monday as millions in South Africa and across the world feared for the worst.

"Former president Mandela remains in a critical condition in hospital," South African President Jacob Zuma said in a televised address to an anxious nation broadcast around the globe.

"The doctors are doing everything possible to ensure his well being and comfort," Zuma said.

Mandela, the hero of black South Africans' battle for freedom during 27 years in apartheid jails, was rushed to hospital on June 8 with a recurring lung infection.

Despite intensive treatment at Pretoria's Mediclinic Heart Hospital, the 94-year-old's condition appears to have suddenly and dramati-

cally deteriorated.

Ex-wife Winnie Madikizela-Mandela -- herself a figurehead of the anti-apartheid struggle -- daughters Zindzi Mandela-Mothajwa and Zenani Mandela-Dlamini and scores of officials flocked to the hospital on Monday.

The family visits, while common since Mandela was admitted 17 days ago, came amid heightened fears for the former statesman's health.

Mandela's eldest daughter Makaziwe has said her father appears to be at peace with himself.

"He has given so much to the world. I believe he is at peace."

At the same time she complained about the "media frenzy" over her father's condition.

"Whether these are the last moments with us, to be with our dad, or there is still a longer (time), but they (media) must back off," she told CNN.

Alberta faces '10-year recovery' after flood: Redford

OTTAWA (AFP) - Flood damage was estimated in the billions of dollars Monday as residents of the Canadian city of Calgary and other districts began mopping up after deadly floods which killed three people and forced 100,000 to flee.

Alberta Premier Alison Redford told a press conference that the province has earmarked one billion Canadian dollars (US\$954 million) to help displaced persons and to kickstart rebuilding.

The consequence of this unforeseen expenditure is that the province would forgo returning to a balanced budget for several years, she said after meeting with Alberta treasury officials.

"The world changed on Thursday" when the flooding

hit, Redford said at the announcement.

"We will do what it takes to ensure people have what it takes to rebuild their lives," she said. "This is going to be a tough week but we're going to get through it."

"I don't want to scare people but... we're talking about a 10-year (recovery) plan," Redford added.

The Bank of Montreal in a note to investors meanwhile estimated the flood losses at Can\$3-billion to Can\$5-billion, including Can\$2.25-billion to Can\$3.75-billion in insured losses.

Most insurance policies do not cover damage from floods and the federal government has not yet weighed in with an estimate for its share of disaster relief funding.



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International News

US limits employer liability in discrimination suits

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Supreme Court ruled Monday that an employer can only be held responsible for workplace sexual or racial harassment if the perpetrator is the victim's supervisor or manager.

In a decision that the court's liberal minority branded a setback for workers' rights, the court ruled against a complaint brought by a black woman from Indiana that she had been racially abused by a white co-worker.

The ruling effectively confirmed that an employer, in this case Ball State University, cannot be held liable for the behavior of someone who demeans a colleague of the same status in the workplace hierarchy.

Writing the majority opin-

ion, Justice Samuel Alito, that in order for a plaintiff to hold his or her employer responsible, the harasser must be a supervisor or a person must be able to take "tangible employment action."

This means someone able to make a "change in employment status, such as hiring, firing, failing to promote, reassignment with significantly different responsibilities, or a decision causing a significant change in benefits."

The case was brought by Maetta Vance, who worked for the catering department of Ball State University and alleged that her colleague Sandra Davis had "made her life hell" through workplace threats and racial abuse.

Pleading the case before the court last year, her lawyer had

argued that Davis had been a de facto superior in the workplace, giving orders and assigning Vance demeaning or unpleasant tasks like cleaning toilets.

The court was split over the ruling, and the liberal minority expressed concern that it would "hinder efforts to stamp out discrimination in the workplace because supervisors are comparatively few and employees are many."

But the majority decision disputed this, arguing: "This approach will not leave employees unprotected against harassment by co-workers who possess some authority to assign daily tasks."

"In such cases, a victim can prevail simply by showing that the employer was negligent in permitting the harassment to occur."

Berlusconi sentenced to jail in sex trial

ROME (AFP) - An Italian court on Monday sentenced Silvio Berlusconi to seven years in jail and banned the former premier from public office after convicting him of paying for sex with an underage prostitute and abusing his power to hide the liaison.

Berlusconi attacked "an incredible sentence, of a violence never seen or heard before, handed down to try and eliminate me from political life," while his lawyers said they would appeal.

The sentence went beyond the request of prosecutors, who had called for the billionaire, 76, to serve six years, and could spark serious tensions within Italy's uneasy grand coalition government.

The verdict brings to a cli-

max a two-year trial which kicked off a media frenzy -- amid allegations of strippers dressed as nuns and erotic party games with topless girls -- and sparked cheers and applause from anti-Berlusconi protesters outside the court.

The media magnate's cronies, many of whom took to Twitter in disgust, described the verdict as "utterly shameful" and "a political verdict, a coup d'etat."

Berlusconi's daughter, Marina, chairperson of his holding company Fininvest, said it was "an absurd spectacle which had nothing to do with justice" and the guilty verdict "was written from the start."

Interior Minister Angelo Alfano, the secretary of Berlusconi's People of Freedom

(PDL) party, said the verdict was "worse than the worst case scenario" and urged him to "soldier on" -- a possible reference to his support for the government.

The coalition relies on the support of the PDL, and observers had warned the capricious billionaire could pull the rug out from under the government if he felt it was not offering him legal protection.

The sentence will be suspended until all appeals have been exhausted, a process likely to take years.

Berlusconi's age also means he is unlikely to ever see the inside of a prison cell because of lenient sentencing guidelines in Italy for people over the age of 70.

The trial relates to crimes committed in 2010 when Berlusconi was prime minister, and revolves around what prosecutors have described as erotic parties held at his luxury residence outside Milan. Berlusconi was accused of paying for sex on several occasions with Moroccan-born Karima El-Mahroug, a then 17-year-old exotic dancer nicknamed "Ruby the Heart Stealer".

Both the flamboyant billionaire and El-Mahroug denied having had sex.

Berlusconi has been involved in a series of legal battles ever since entering politics in the 1990s.

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Qatar's crown prince to be new emir



DOHA (AFP) - The emir of the small but economically strong Gulf state of Qatar, a major diplomatic broker that has played a key role in the Arab spring, is set to transfer power to his son in a first for the Arab world.

A palace statement said that Qataris will be asked today and Wednesday to "swear allegiance to His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani as emir".

The emir, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, will then announce his abdication in favour of his 33-year-old son Tamim, who will become the youngest sovereign of any of the Gulf Arab monarchies.

Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani will be the new emir of a gas-rich nation which has punched above its weight in recent years.

Tamim, born in 1980, is the

second son of the emir and his second wife Sheikha Mozah and has been groomed for years to take the helm of the super-rich Western ally.

The British-educated Tamim is deputy commander of the armed forces and head of the National Olympic Committee. He also chairs the Qatar 2022 Supreme Committee in charge of hosting the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

Diplomats said that over the past three years the emir has increasingly transferred military and security responsibilities to Tamim, who like his father went to the British military academy Sandhurst.

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Health & Living

H7N9 bird flu kills about 1/3 hospitalised patients: study

PARIS (AFP) - The H7N9 bird flu that hit China this year killed over a third of hospitalised patients, said researchers Monday who labelled the virus "less serious" but probably more widespread than previously thought.

They warned watchdogs not to take comfort from a lull in new infections, as the virus may reappear in the autumn.

In what they described as the most complete picture of the virus' severity, researchers in Beijing and Hong Kong found that H7N9 proved fatal in 36 percent of patients admitted to hospital in mainland China.

This was a lower fatality rate than H5N1-type bird flu which emerged in 2003 and killed about 60 percent of hos-

pitalised patients.

It was higher, though, than the H1N1 "swine flu" outbreak of 2009-10, which had a 21-percent death rate among people requiring hospitalisation.

A total 131 human infections have been recorded on the Chinese mainland since the outbreak started in February, the National Health and Family Planning Commission said in its last monthly update.

Of these, 123 were admitted to hospital, and 39 died.

One other case was recorded in Taiwan.

The virus is believed to spread to humans from birds. The fear is that it could mutate into a form transmissible from human to human.

Writing in The Lancet medical journal, the researchers es-

timated that between 0.16 percent and 2.8 percent of all people infected with H7N9, and who displayed symptoms of flu, were at statistical risk of dying.

But many mild, unreported cases may have occurred -- between 1,500 and 27,000 -- said the study, urging "continued vigilance and sustained intensive control efforts".

In a separate paper also published by The Lancet, the researchers said there was a possibility H7N9 could rebound within months.

H7 influenza viruses comprise a group that normally circulate among birds, of which H7N9 forms a subgroup that had never been found in humans until the Chinese outbreak.

Swedish transsexuals seek damages for sterilisations

STOCKHOLM (AFP) - A group of Swedish transsexuals who were sterilised to complete their sex changes said on Monday they were demanding 42.6 million kronor (4.8 million euros, \$6.3 million) in compensation from the government.

The Swedish Federation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights (RFSL) said 142 people were also asking for an official apology for the forced sterilisations that took place between 1972 and 2012.

The Stockholm administra-

tive court of appeal ruled in December that the practise was unconstitutional and in violation of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Some 800 people were affected by Sweden's forced sterilisations of transsexuals, Westerlund said.

According to official data, 865 Swedes asked to legally change their gender from 1972 until 2011, and 500 people did so.

In 1999, the Swedish parliament adopted a law granting damages of 175,000 kronor to victims of forced sterilisations under a eugenics programme that existed from 1935 until 1996.

Conservative Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt told tabloid Expressen on June 11 that the government wasn't planning to issue an apology to the transsexuals.

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Sci-Tech

Spy marketing: CIA rolls out 'new and improved website'

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The CIA prides itself on secrecy but the spy agency unveiled a revamped website Monday that promises a user-friendly layout and a "sleeker, more modern web experience."

Borrowing the jargon of corporate marketing, the Central Intelligence Agency touted its new online look for job-seekers or people interested in the spy service's origins.

"The new and improved website reflects CIA's strong commitment to educating and informing the American people about the Agency's history, mission, and organization," John Brennan, CIA director, said in a statement.

The CIA, heavily criticized over its reluctance to discuss drone bombing raids abroad or the treatment of terror suspects, said the new site offered more interactive features and more information to the public.

The site features a menu of less than exciting videos, including a nine-minute promotional clip that provides a quick history of the agency from its founding in 1947 to the present.

The video's production standards are not exactly Holly-

wood material but it does try to explain the different branches of the agency, using a brief clip from a James Bond film to highlight the role of technicians who create gadgets for spies in the field.

The site also appears aimed at recruiting a new generation of spies, with a "job fit tool" that allows prospective applicants to find the best match for their skills and a "job cart" that allows people to apply to up to four jobs at one time.

The CIA website also makes it easier to search through historical documents from the Cold War era that have been declassified, including official collections recounting a range of secret operations during the Vietnam War.

Famed Spanish judge mulling request to defend Snowden

MADRID (AFP) - A renowned Spanish former human rights judge said Monday he wants to study US intelligence leaker Edward Snowden's case before deciding whether to offer legal ad-

Satellites to bring 'fast, cheap' Internet to 'under-connected'

PARIS (AFP) - The first four of 12 satellites in a new constellation to provide affordable, high-speed Internet to people in nearly 130 "under-connected" countries, will be shot into space on today, the project's developers said.

The orbiters, part of a project dubbed O3b for the "other 3 billion" people with restricted Internet access, will be lifted by a Russian Soyuz rocket from Kourou in French Guiana.

The project was born from the frustrations of Internet pioneer Greg Wyler with the inadequacy of Rwanda's telecommunications network, while travelling there in 2007.

Wyler's plan was to bypass costly ground-based infrastructure like fibre-optics or cables by deploying a constellation of small satellites around the equator to serve as

a spatial relay between users and the world wide web using only satellite dishes.

Such a system would cover a region between the latitudes of 45 degrees North and 45 degrees South -- the entire African continent, most of Latin America, the Middle East, southeast Asia, Australia and the Pacific Islands.

There are already geostationary satellites providing this type of services, but at a prohibitive cost for many end-users.

Existing satellites generally orbit at an altitude of some 36,000 kilometres (22,000 miles) above Earth, weigh in at a hefty four to six tonnes each, and take much longer to bounce a signal back to Earth -- about 500 milliseconds to be exact, according to an O3b document.

The O3b satellites, built by

the Franco-Italian company Thales Alenia Space, will orbit at 8,062 km and will weigh only 650 kilogrammes (1,400 pounds) each.

Crucially, they will communicate with Earth four times faster, said the company, and six would be enough to assure permanent coverage.

And it added that a country like the Democratic Republic of Congo could move from being one of the most poorly-connected on Earth to one of the best.

Launch company Ariane-space, which will put the satellites in orbit, said the O3b constellation will combine "the global reach of satellite coverage with the speed of a fiber-optic network".

Project investors include Internet giant Google, cable company Liberty Global, satellite operator SES, HSBC bank and the Development Bank of Southern Africa.

The first four satellites were due to be boosted into space on Monday but the launch was postponed by a day due to unfavourable weather conditions.

The next four satellites will be launched within weeks, according to Ariane-space, and a final four "backup" orbiters early next year.

To refine its coverage, the constellation could in the end have as many as 16 supplementary satellites in addition to the 12 main ones, said O3b networks.

vice to the fugitive, who is wanted in the US for espionage.

Baltasar Garzon, who drew international attention for trying to extradite Chile's former dictator Augusto Pinochet, is legal director of anti-secrecy group Wikileaks, which helped organise Snowden's exit from Hong Kong over the weekend.

"I have been contacted on behalf of Mr. Snowden for legal advice. Before making a decision, I have asked to talk to the interested party and for the necessary information to understand the case," Garzon said in a statement.

A Russian plane said to be carrying Snowden left Moscow on Monday, a day after the fugitive arrived in Russia from Hong Kong.

The IT contractor is the tar-

get of a US arrest warrant issued Friday after he leaked details of massive US cyber-espionage programmes to the media.

Garzon was in February 2012 disbarred from his role as an investigating magistrate in Spain after he was found to have wiretapped conversations between defence lawyers and their clients.

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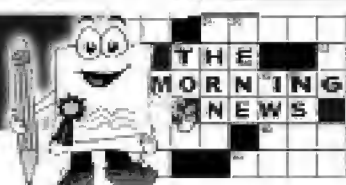
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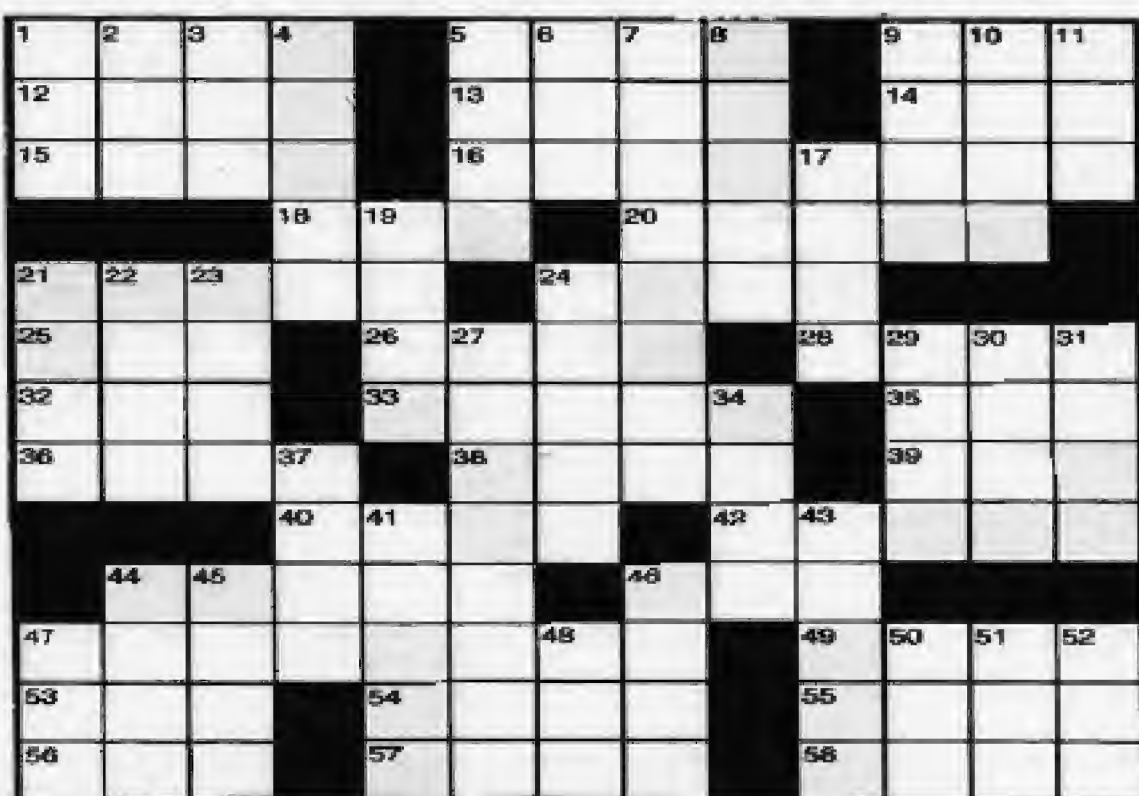
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13. Vocal
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15. Existed
16. Contribute
18. Record players (abbr.)
20. Racetracks
21. Cuplike spoon
24. Brown bird
25. "Birds ___ feather..." (2 wds.)
26. Tiny insect
28. ___ of the hill
32. Fabray, to friends
33. Movies
35. Attachment
36. Oldest Brady boy
38. Look to the future
39. Pie ___ mode (2 wds.)
40. Congregate
42. Lazy sort
44. Gregorian ___
46. Middle (abbr.)
47. Midday
49. Relaxation

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5. The Boston ___
6. Exist in the present
7. Wide-angle view
8. Animated
9. Haley ___ Osment
10. Landers and Jillian
11. "Welcome" rug
17. Guppy's home
19. "Mutt and ___"
21. Like a giraffe's neck
22. Remote
23. Copenhagen resident
24. Oil sources
27. Makeup item
29. Type of type (abbr.)
30. Egyptian river
31. Paraphernalia
34. Agitated mood
37. FBI agent (hyph.)
41. Those opposed
43. Extreme fear
44. Shivering
45. Doughnut middle
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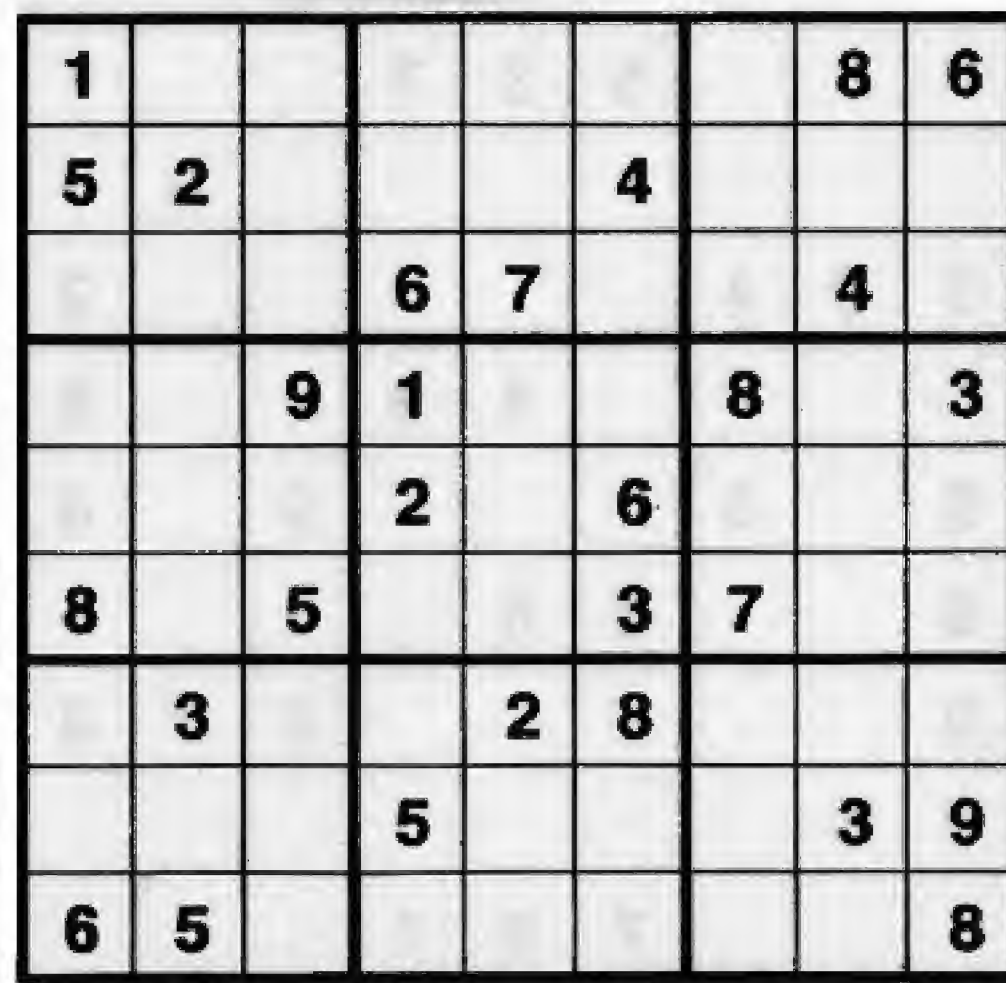
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Netherlands	EUR	230.59	232.69	235.41
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IMF approves new credit line for Colombia

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The International Monetary Fund on Monday approved a new multi-billion-dollar credit line for Colombia to help protect it from a potential downturn in the global economy.

The IMF executive board gave the green light for a two-year \$5.84 billion Flexible Credit Line, the Fund said.

"The Colombian authorities indicated that they intend to treat the new arrangement as precautionary and do not intend to draw on the line," it said.

Colombia's first credit line was approved in May 2009, and was followed by two other credit lines, in May 2010 and May 2011. The country did not draw on those safety nets.

"Colombia has very strong policy frameworks, comprising an inflation-targeting regime, a flexible exchange rate, effective financial sector supervision and regulation, and a fiscal policy guided by a structural balance rule for the central government," David Lipton, the IMF's first deputy managing director, said in the statement.

He noted that the authorities had taken advantage of strong capital inflows to partially re-

build their international reserve position following the 2008 global financial crisis.

The IMF safety net is available to countries with strong fundamentals and track records and carries no ongoing conditions. If tapped, the repayment period is between three and five years.

Brazil to earmark \$25 bn for public transport

BRASILIA (AFP) - Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff on Monday proposed to earmark \$25 billion for public transport following days of mass nationwide street protests, in a bid to seize the political initiative.

She also suggested a referendum on broad "political reform" in response to public exasperation with substandard public services and rampant official corruption in Brazil, the world's seventh largest economy.

The president also warned against any repeat of the violence and vandalism that marred Thursday's protests, which brought 1.2 million people to the streets across the country to demand a better of quality life.

Brasilia will allocate "50 billion reais (\$25 billion) in new investments for urban mobility projects" and "to improve public transport in our country," Rousseff said after crisis talks with protest leaders and regional officials.

She also stressed the need for fiscal responsibility and for boosting investments in health and education as demanded by the throngs of Brazilians who have taken to the streets over the past two weeks.

FINANCE

US stocks sink on China concerns

NEW YORK (AFP) - US stocks Monday ended the day decisively lower on concerns about the Chinese economy but rallied well above their intraday lows as US Treasury yields retreated.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average sank 139.34 (0.94 percent) to 14,659.56.

The broad-based S&P 500 tumbled 19.34 (1.21 percent) to 1,573.09, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index gave up 36.49 (1.09 percent) at 3,320.76.

Stocks opened firmly lower amid concerns about the Chinese economy. But the indices all came back from their intraday losses, with the Dow finishing more than 100 points above its low.

The yield on the 10-year US Treasury stood at 2.55 percent late Monday afternoon after reaching as high as 2.66 percent earlier.

Peter Cardillo of Rockwell Global Capital also cited comments from some US Federal Reserve officials that emphasized the Fed would not scale back its accommodative policy immediately.

"We're probably getting to the end of this overreaction" to the Fed's comments last week, Cardillo said.

Most of the companies in the Dow declined. The biggest drops were seen by industrials like Alcoa (down 2.4 percent) and Boeing (down 2.1 percent), while Bank of America shed 3.1 percent and JPMorgan Chase lost 2.0 percent.

Shares of Apple dived 2.7 percent to \$402.34 after sinking below \$400 earlier in the session on concerns the company's products are losing appeal with consumers.

A research note from the brokerage firm Jefferies said Apple was likely to cut production plans for the iPhone to between 25 and 30 million in the third quarter, down from between 40 to 45 million.

Tenet Healthcare rose 4.5 percent after announcing it would acquire Vanguard Health Systems for \$4.3 bil-

lion, including \$2.5 billion in Vanguard debt. Vanguard soared 67.3 percent to \$20.70. The deal values Vanguard at \$21 per share.

Pharmaceutical company Allergan plummeted 11.6 percent after Deutsche Bank slashed its rating on the company to "hold", citing guidance from the Food and Drug Administration that suggested the popular Restasis eye medication may soon face competition from generics.

Metals producer Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold fell 4.8 percent after concerns about the slowing Chinese economy prompted a decline in prices of copper and other metals.

Bond prices were mixed. The yield on the 10-year US Treasury rose to 2.55 percent from 2.51 percent Friday, while the 30-year slipped to 3.56 percent from 3.57 percent. Bond prices move inversely to yields.

US court rules to protect generic drug makers

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Manufacturers of generic drugs cannot be sued for adverse side effects caused by products that they did not themselves design, the US Supreme Court ruled on Monday.

In a five-to-four decision, the justices found in favor of Mutual Pharmaceutical, overturning a \$21 million award against it after a woman suffered horrific burns after taking an anti-inflammatory in 2004.

Generic drugs are copies of drugs already developed by other firms and approved by state regulators, and Mutual argued that any faults in the product are thus not its responsibility.

In his written opinion, conservative Justice Samuel Alito

said the court had reached its finding "reluctantly", noting the "tragic" circumstances of the case which had left the victim "severely disfigured" and "nearly blind."

But he ruled it was impossible for manufacturers "to comply with both state and federal law, New Hampshire's warning-based design-defect cause of action is pre-empted with respect to FDA-approved drugs sold in interstate commerce."

"Generic manufacturers are also prohibited from making any unilateral changes to a drug label," it added.

In the case before the court, plaintiff Karen Bartlett suffered severe burns and pain and several months in a coma after using an anti-inflammatory to treat a sore shoulder.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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LOS ANGELES (AFP) - "Monsters University" -- a prequel to Pixar's 2001 hit "Monsters, Inc" -- buried Brad Pitt zombie flick "World War Z" and took the top spot at the US box office, provisional figures showed Sunday.

The animated movie that tells how monster buddies Mike and Sulley became friends and honed their scaring skills took in \$82 million, compared to just \$66 million for the apocalyptic blockbuster, on their opening weekend.

Superman reboot "Man of Steel" dropped to third, bringing in \$41 million after opening in the top slot last weekend with earnings of \$116.6-million.

Coming in fourth was "This is the End," an apocalyptic comedy starring Seth Rogan and James Franco, which brought in \$13 million, according to figures from indus-

try tracker Exhibitor Relations.

Sleeper hit "Now You See Me," about an FBI agent and an Interpol detective who hunt down a team of illusionists performing bank heists during their shows, came in fifth with \$7.9 million.

Action sequel "Fast & Furious 6," starring Vin Diesel and



Michelle Rodriguez, added another \$4.7 million, taking its outright haul to \$228 million and putting it in sixth place.

In seventh was the Vince

Vaughn and Owen Wilson comedy "The Internship," which sees the "Wedding Crashers" co-stars competing with tech wizards after scoring an internship at Google. The film took in \$3.4 million.

Low-budget horror film "The Purge" -- which scored a surprisingly strong opening two weeks ago to top the box office -- fell to eighth place with \$3.4 million.

However, the \$3 million Universal feature starring Ethan Hawke and "Game of Thrones" star Lena Headey has now earned a total of \$59 million, with a sequel already in the works, according to industry reports.

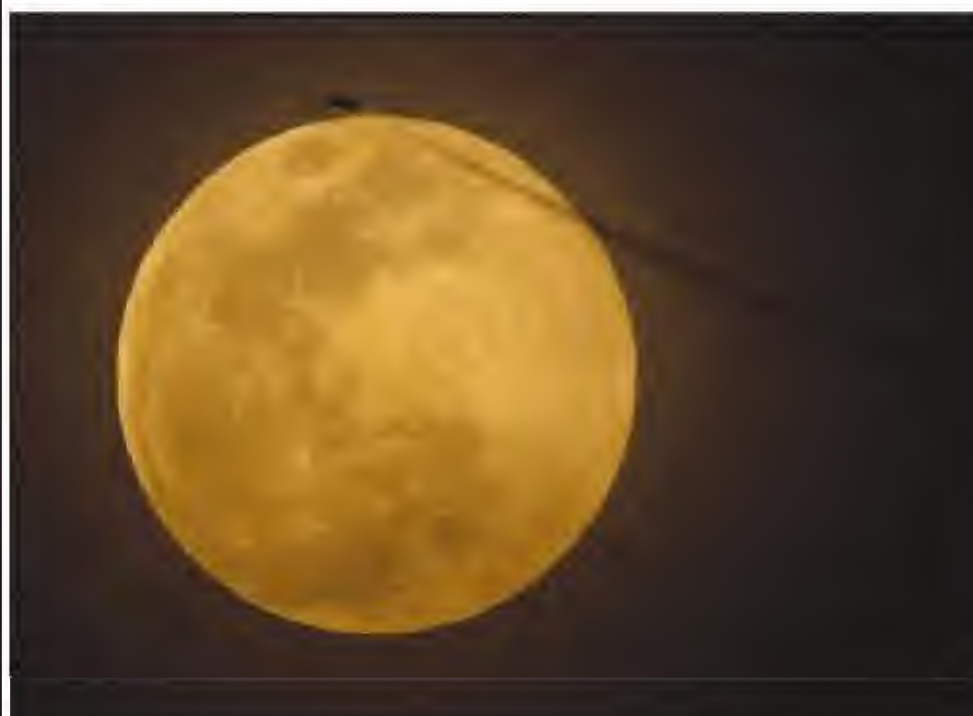
Summer blockbusters "Star Trek: Into Darkness" and "Iron Man 3" rounded out the top ten, bringing in \$3 million and

\$2.2 million, respectively. "Iron Man 3" has made more than \$400 million since its release two months ago.

Super Moon Shines Bright

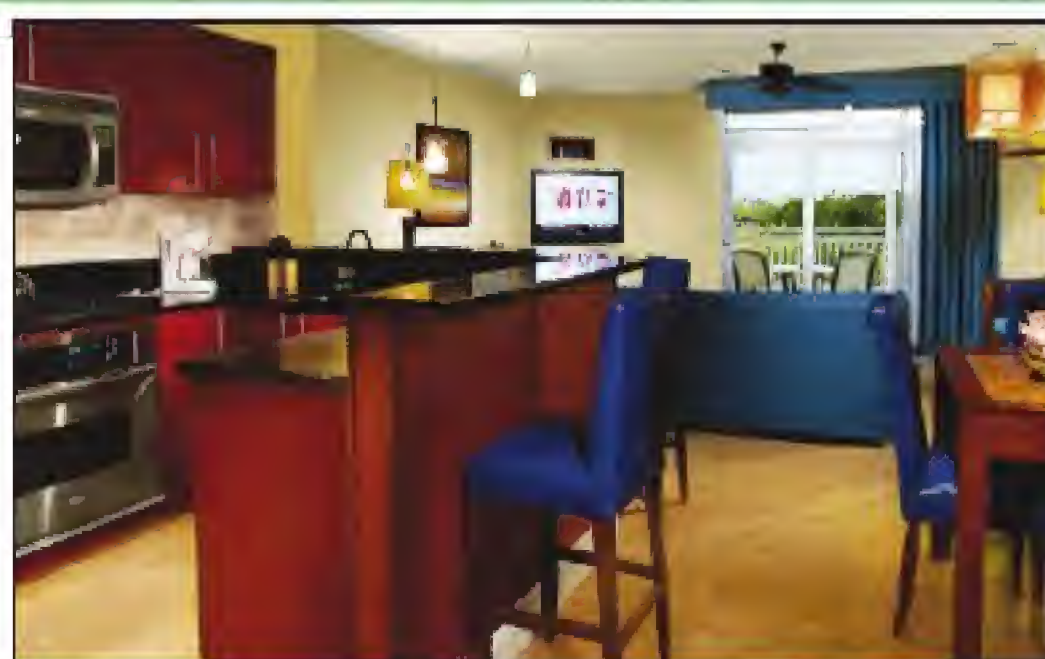


Supermoon rises next to the ancient Greek temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion, some 65 kilometers south of Athens, on June 23, 2013.



A plane passes in front of the haze obscured "Supermoon" over Singapore on June 23, 2013 in Singapore. The haze eased Sunday with PSI levels stable in the "moderate" range after a week of record highs. Singapore officials announced they would pursue any local companies found to be involved in the forest fires in Indonesia.

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"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 8

a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.99, (\$5.48 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, with free refills on fresh coffee. A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast, home fries, with complimentary, unlimited coffee for only \$9.99! Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda,

Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aaron's secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.



5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to

watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open from 8am to 10pm-ish Sunday - Thursday. For those late night diners, 5 Burgers is open until 3AM-ish on Friday & Saturdays! Delivery is available to most Hotels and most beaches! Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.



Fabregas, Soldado doubtful for Italy semi



Roberto Soldado

FORTALEZA (AFP) - Midfielder Cesc Fabregas and striker Roberto Soldado are both doubtful for Spain's Confederations Cup semi-final against Italy due to muscle injuries, the Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) revealed on Monday.

Fabregas was substituted in the 54th minute of Spain's 3-0 win over Nigeria in Fortaleza on Sunday, while Soldado went off six minutes later.

"Cesc and Soldado were last night submitted for MRI scans to evaluate the muscular pains that they finished the Spain-Nigeria game with yesterday," the RFEF said in a statement.

"In view of the test results, neither player's presence has been ruled out for the semi-finals, although their participation will depend on the evolution of the said pains."

Speaking after the Nigeria game, Spain coach Vicente del Bosque had expressed optimism over Fabregas' fitness.

"I guess something happened, he felt a slight pain, and he withdrew to be on the safe side," Del Bosque said.

"Now it's up to the doctors to assess what it is. It doesn't

seem to be anything serious, but we're just being cautious."



Cesc Fabregas

Spain and Italy will lock horns at Fortaleza's Estadio Castelao on Thursday afternoon in a repeat of the Euro 2012 final, which Spain won 4-0.

Italy have several injury problems of their own ahead of the game.

AC Milan team-mates Mario Balotelli (thigh) and Ignazio Abate (dislocated shoulder) have both been ruled out of the tournament, while there are doubts over midfielders Andrea Pirlo (calf) and Riccardo Montolivo (nausea).

Zaccheroni under fire as Japan exit Confed Cup

TOKYO (AFP) - Alberto Zaccheroni's future as Japan coach was under scrutiny Monday after their winless exit from the Confederations Cup in Brazil, the warm-up for next year's World Cup.

The Blue Samurai lost their final group match 2-1 to Mexico on Saturday after crashing 3-0 to hosts Brazil. More creditably, they went down fighting 4-3 to Italy.

Japanese media said the four-time Asian champions



had been hampered by a shortage of world-class players and Zaccheroni's reluctance to try new talent and tactics.

"There are quite a few questions over coach Zaccheroni's selection and use of players, tactics and game management," Kunishige Kamamoto, former striker and now Japan Football Association adviser, told the Nikkan Gendai tabloid.

"It has become clear that Zaccheroni's method and current crop of players may win in Asia but won't get anywhere against the world's top teams,"

said Kamamoto, 69. "We must seriously discuss what we should do and how."

Zaccheroni was criticised for keeping CSKA Moscow playmaker Keisuke Honda and rising Manchester United star Shinji Kagawa on the field against Mexico, despite their obvious tiredness.

"It is quite normal that there are questions about the future of the coach of a top team when they lose three matches in a row," senior football critic Sergio Echigo told the Nikkan Sports daily.

"I can't understand his sub-

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Julio Cesar warning for Brazil over Uruguay threat

BELO HORIZONTE (AFP) - Brazil goalkeeper Julio Cesar on Monday warned the host nation they must beware Uruguay ahead of Wednesday's Confederations Cup semi-final in Belo Horizonte.

Uruguay have shown some mediocre recent form in World Cup qualifying but the 2011 South American champions have found their form with wins in Brazil over Nigeria and thrashing minnows Tahiti.

Moreover, Julio Cesar points out that in Edinson Cavani, Diego Forlan and Luis Suarez the Uruguayans have no shortage of firepower.

"They are very strong in attack and can decide a game on their own," the shot-stopper said.

"I know them all well and we shall have to beware. The tiniest thing can decide a match," added Cesar, who faces the prospect of playing second tier English football next season after being relegated with Queens Park Rangers.

Brazil, starting to come to the boil under 2002 World



Cup handler Luiz Felipe Scolari, waltzed through their group with wins over Japan, Mexico and Italy but Uruguay had to regroup after losing their first match against world champions Spain, who will face Italy in the other semi-final.

"Nobody is favourite. They will be confident as they won the Copa America in 2011," said Julio Cesar.

The four semi-finalists have won 12 World Cups between them - a record five for Brazil, four for Italy, two for the Uruguayans, including a 1950 success at the Maracana over Brazil, and one for Spain.

stitution choices. If he had no other idea than using Honda and Kagawa who were at their worst, I don't think the national team has a very bright future."

Asked why he only made three changes for the Mexico game at a post-match press conference, Zaccheroni replied: "The team's identity will change if I replace too many first-team players."

The business daily Nikkei called Zaccheroni's use of players "inconsistent" and regretted the absence of powerful substitutes.

Zaccheroni, who has previously coached AC Milan, Inter Milan and Juventus in Italy, took over the Blue Samurai after they recorded their best World Cup finish abroad by reaching the last 16 in South Africa 2010.

"I wanted to learn what we should improve on. I am glad to know it," said the Italian tactician, who has vowed to make Japan serious contenders at the World Cup in Brazil.

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Tennis: Federer races through, Azarenka, Sharapova win

LONDON (AFP) - Roger Federer began his bid for a record eighth Wimbledon title with a 69-minute demolition of Victor Hanesescu on Monday as Maria Sharapova and Victoria Azarenka also moved into the second round.

Federer, 31, swept to a 6-3, 6-2, 6-0 win on Centre Court to celebrate the 10th anniversary of his first triumph at the All England Club.

The seven-time champion Swiss fired 32 winners and just six unforced errors as he clinched a sixth career victory over the 47th-ranked Romanian.

"It's the most special thing

to be back on Centre Court," said Federer, playing in his 55th straight Grand Slam and seeking an 18th major.

Federer came into Wimbledon on the back of his first title of 2013 in Halle, the grass-court win taking him level with John McEnroe on 77 career titles.

He next plays Sergiy Stakhovsky of the Ukraine for a place in the last 32.

Maria Sharapova put her bitter public feud with Serena Williams to one side to reach the second round.

The 2004 Wimbledon champion was given a stern test by France's Kristina Mladenovic but the Russian third seed eventually triumphed 7-6 (7/5), 6-3 on Centre Court.

"I'm really pleased with this performance," Sharapova said. "My opponent played extremely well so I'm really happy to be in the second round."

Second seed Azarenka, a semi-finalist in 2011 and 2012,

moved into second round, beating Portugal's world number 106 Maria Joao Koehler 6-1, 6-2.

The 23-year-old Belarusian, the reigning Australian Open champion, broke down in tears after suffering a worrying fall in the second game of the second set on Court One as her right leg gave way in her service action.

Azarenka collapsed in crippling pain before her match was delayed by 10 minutes for her to have her right knee heavily strapped.

Italian fifth seed Sara Errani became the first major casualty of this year's Wimbledon when she slumped to a 6-3, 6-2 defeat to Puerto Rican teenager Monica Puig.

Errani, a semi-finalist at the French Open earlier this month and runner-up in Paris to Maria Sharapova in 2012, had gone into her first round clash carrying a groin injury which forced her out of Eastbourne last week.

Cycling: Doping inquiry would call on Verbruggen: UCI

PARIS (AFP) - British Cycling president Brian Cookson said he would expect honorary International Olympic Committee (IOC) member Hein Verbruggen to testify in any future inquiry to be held into the sport's murky doping past.

Cookson set out his six-step manifesto in Paris on Monday. Its main tenets include rebuilding trust in the UCI, in the wake of the highly-damaging Lance Armstrong doping affair, handing cycling's anti-doping programme to an independent body and restructuring elite road cycling both for men and women.

The proposals are designed to restore faith in the sport following years of suspicion and the recent downfall of Armstrong, who was stripped of his record seven Tour de France crowns for doping throughout his career.

They are also designed to restore faith in the UCI, which has faced sustained criticism for its reaction to a damning

report by the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), which ultimately led to Armstrong's downfall, last year.

The report led to accusations that the UCI colluded with Armstrong and his former teams to cover up positive doping tests.

Cookson admitted there was a "perception" held by "many riders, the media and the public" that the UCI turned a blind eye to positive tests by the American during his reign in 1999-2005.

The 62-year-old said those allegations had to be settled if the sport was to move on successfully and pledged to do so "within my first six months" if elected.

Any such inquiry could implicate Verbruggen, who held the UCI presidency until 2005 -- when Armstrong won his seventh and last yellow jersey.

Both Verbruggen and McQuaid have already denied accusations of cover-ups.

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NEW YORK (AFP) - Floyd Mayweather looks on during a news conference at the Pedestrian Walk in Times Square on June 24, 2013 in New York City. Floyd Mayweather and Canelo Alvarez are scheduled to fight September 14 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Nevada to unify their junior middleweight world titles.



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Golf: Duke wins first PGA title in Travelers playoffs

CROMWELL (AFP) - Ken Duke sank a two-foot birdie putt on the second playoff hole Sunday to defeat fellow American Chris Stroud and win the \$6.1 million Travelers Championship for his first US PGA title.

The 44-year-old from Hope, Arkansas -- hometown of former US President Bill Clinton -- took the \$1.08 million top prize and became the oldest first-time US PGA Tour winner since Ed Dougherty won his only title at age 47 in 1995.

"I worked hard, I have knocked on the door a lot and here we are," Duke said. "That's what it's all about."

Duke had been a runner-up three times in PGA events -- at New Orleans in 2007 and Milwaukee and the Ginn sur Mer Classic in 2008.

Stroud, a 31-year-old Texan whose best prior PGA finish was a share of fourth at the 2011 Mayakoba Classic in Mexico, sank a 48-foot chip shot for a birdie at the 18th on the last hole of regulation play to force a playoff.

Duke and Stroud both finished 72 holes on 12-under par 268. Duke fired a final-round 66, five-under par, while Stroud shot 67.

The playoff began at the 18th tee and Duke found the left rough, but blasted a wedge shot pin high onto the green. Stroud, whose tee shot was in the fairway 92 yards from the cup, then dumped his approach into a greenside bunker.



Stroud blasted out seven feet from the cup and Duke followed by leaving his 30-foot birdie putt inches from the cup for a tap-in par.

Stroud then sank his ten-

sion-packed par putt to extend the playoff, both men going to the 18th tee for the third time Sunday.

Duke knocked his second shot, a sand wedge from 117

yards out, just two feet from the cup, while Stroud left himself 20 feet for birdie.

Stroud's putt rolled inches right and he tapped in for par. Moments later, Duke tapped in for the long-sought victory and pumped his right fist in celebration.

In the final round, Duke birdied the par-4 second after putting his 93-yard second shot two feet from the cup and began the back nine with back-to-back birdies. He added a birdie at the par-5 13th, answered a bogey at 14 by making birdie at 15, and parred in to seize the clubhouse lead.

That forced Stroud to birdie 18 to match Duke, which he did.

Canada's Graham DeLaet was third on 269 with American Bubba Watson fourth on 270.

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Tennis: Nadal humbled at Wimbledon



LONDON (AFP) - Rafael Nadal suffered Wimbledon humiliation at the hands of Belgian world number 135 Steve Darcis on Monday, a shock first round defeat which cleared the title paths of Andy Murray and Roger Federer. Journeyman Darcis clinched a 7-6 (7/4), 7-6 (10/8), 6-4 win to condemn the fifth-seed Spanish superstar to a first ever loss in the opening round of a major. It also came just two weeks after 12-time Grand Slam title winner Nadal, the 2008 and 2010 Wimbledon champion, had celebrated a record eighth French Open crown. The sensational result was the first time since Gustavo Kuerten in 1997 that a French Open champion had lost in the opening round at Wimbledon.

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